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In re Application of

Vallee et al.

Application No. 09/616,718

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Attorney Docket No. 11187-00001

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 7, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to reply timely to the nonfinal Office action mailed August 28, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to respond. No extensions of time were obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 29, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 14, 2004.

The petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Petitioner submitted the required reply in the form of an amendment, paid the petition fee, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1614.

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